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MEMORANDUM FOR BATTLEFIELD WEATHER TEAMS DEPLOYING TO THE NATIONAL TRAINING CENTER

FROM: 12 CTS/DOC

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SUBJECT: Letter of Instruction (LOI) for Battlefield Weather Teams (BWTs) Deploying to the National Training Center (NTC)

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1. References:

- (a) CJCSI 3810.01D, Meteorological and Oceanographic Operations
- (b) Joint Publication 3-59, Meteorological and Oceanographic Operations
- (c) Joint Meteorological & Oceanographic (METOC) Handbook
- (d) Air Force Doctrine Document 3-59, Weather Operations
- (e) Air Force Instruction 15-114, Weather Technical Performance Evaluation
- (f) Air Force Instruction 15-128, Air Force Weather Roles and Responsibilities
- (g) Air Force Manual 15-129, Air and Space Weather Operations V1, V2, ACC SUP
- (h) Air Force Instruction 15-157 (AR 115-10), Weather Support for the U.S. Army
- (i) Army Regulation (AR) 5-25, Army Weather Functional Activities
- (j) 2011 Army Weather Statement of Requirements (SOR)
- (k) FORSCOM Regulation 350-50-1, Training at the National Training Center
- (1) NTC Regulation 350-1, Training at the National Training Center
- (m)NTC & Fort Irwin Regulation 115-10, Weather Support Agreement
- 2. Purpose. Identify Meteorological and Oceanographic (METOC) rotational training unit (RTU) forces supporting NTC exercises and establish roles, responsibilities, and services provided in accordance with (IAW) referenced guidance on weather operations to enable participating United States Armed Forces and Coalition Nation forces to conduct realistic training in a complex contested environment at the operational and tactical levels of war.
- 3. Background. The mission of the NTC is to provide a tough, realistic joint and combined arms training focused at the brigade and battalion level, to assist commanders in developing trained, competent leaders and soldiers while identifying unit training deficiencies, providing feedback to improve the force and prepare for success on the future joint battlefield. The NTC provides an extensive training system composed of a well-trained Opposing Forces (OPFOR), skilled Observer, Coach-Trainers (OC/Ts), large land areas, unrestricted ranges, a fully instrumented battlefield, and extensive logistics missions. The training provided at NTC provides a unique opportunity for

- combined-arms task forces to reinforce their mission essential task list (METL) training conducted at home station.
- 4. Personnel Requirements. All members of the rotational Battlefield Weather Team are expected to be able to perform their duties in an austere field environment through the completion of the exercise. All medical and personal issues that may affect an Airmen's performance while at NTC will be annotated to the 12 CTS personnel ASAP. As NTC Safety Observers, 12 CTS personnel must have notification of personnel issues prior to Battlefield Weather Teams deploying to/arriving at NTC. Battlefield Weather unit leadership must consider the following prior to selecting Airmen as NTC rotational players:
 - (a) Medical. IAW FORSCOM Reg 350-50-1 all physical profiles will be reviewed by PCM and unit leadership to determine the deployment readiness of NTC participants. Pregnant Airman will not deploy to the NTC. During the exercise, the rotational Army unit will provide medical support and treatment to injuries and illnesses for Airmen that occur during the NTC rotation. Rotational medical staff will determine if Airmen will be able to be treated and returned to NTC training and if not, the rotational Army unit will coordinate evacuation to home station for any Airmen who cannot return to training.
 - (b) Personal issues, such as high-risk for Red Cross Messages, must be considered during the BWT selection process and, if necessary, the Battlefield Weather Unit will be prepared to replace or supplement the rotational BWT should a Red Cross Message occur.
 - (c) Special Needs. The supported Army unit will be contacted by the Battlefield Weather Unit in order to accommodate any special needs for rotational Airmen (i.e., dietary concerns due to medical or religious restrictions). 12th CTS personnel will not service Airmen's special needs outside of emergency situations as this should be coordinated with the supported Army unit prior to the NTC rotational exercise.
- 5. Responsibilities of Rotational Battlefield Weather Teams (BWTs)
 - (a) Coordinate weather and logistical support with rotational Army customer(s) prior to deploying to and redeploying from NTC (i.e., personnel, communications, transportation, etc.) and annotate support in a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) or Army unit OPORD/FRAGO ANNEX.
 - (b) Acquire travel orders for NTC exercise through Army chains, acquiring Army group orders or an Army fund site for Defense Travel System (DTS) orders.
 - (c) Inform 12 CTS/DOC of RTU travel itinerary ASAP, preferably 30 days prior to arrival at NTC.
 - (d) Request and acquire temporary KQ Identifier with Air Force Weather Agency (AFWA) no later than (NTL) 30 prior to arrival at NTC.
 - (e) Complete and return the NTC Pre-deployment Survey found on the NTC Weather Homepage (http://www.irwin.army.mil/CommandGroupUnits/Units/OPSGRP/USAFwx/Pages/ForWeather TeamsDeployingtoNTC.aspx) NLT 30 days prior to arrival at NTC (see Attachment 2).

- (f) Secure a Defense Connect Online 2.0 (DCO) account and Air Force Weather Web Services (AF-WEBS) username/password NLT 30 days prior to arrival at NTC.
- (g) Provide pertinent RTU personnel, equipment, and Unit Commander's Unit Assessment and training focus (see Attachment 2) and the NTC Roll-Out Card (see Attachment 3) found on the NTC Weather Homepage NLT 14 days prior to arrival at NTC (http://www.irwin.army.mil/CommandGroupUnits/Units/OPSGRP/USAFwx/Pages/ForWeatherTeamsDeployingtoNTC.aspx).
- (h) Complete 25th Operational Weather Squadron (OWS) Support Assistance Request (SAR) for unique briefing/tailored product support (as applicable).
- (i) Operational check and physically inventory all weather/communication equipment prior to deploying.
- (j) Secure M4 & M9 weapons, magazines (and Blank Fire Adapters, as applicable) for all weather personnel (M4s must be brought for Decisive Action Training Environment rotations).
- (k) Secure gas masks and JLIST equipment (chemical gear) from your supported Army unit for all weather personnel (both simulated and real tear gas will be used during the NTC exercise).
- (1) Bring required weather and tactical equipment IAW the RTU Modification Table of Organization and Equipment (MTOE) (see Attachment 3) as determined by Battlefield Weather Squadron/Detachment leadership.
- (m) Upon arrival at Fort Irwin, contact the 12 CTS/DOC at DSN: 470-4363/9527 // Commercial (760) 380-4363/9527 and provide them a copy of the RTU MOA and MTOE.
- (n) Secure Multiple Integrated Laser Engagement System (MILES) for all BWT personnel/vehicles from NTC Operations Group prior to the start of the exercise.
- (o) Provide 24/7 weather support to enable Army commanders and their staffs to make informed decisions based on key weather factors IAW existing regulations. These services may include: route observations, staff weather briefings, mission weather products, weather impact assessments, routine Chemical Downwind Messages (CDMs), electro-optical tactical decision aids, space weather forecasts, etc.
- (p) Provide weather information including, but not limited to, flight weather briefings in support of helicopter and Unmanned Aerial Systems (UAS) operations, and tailored weather forecasts for time-sensitive targeting.
- (q) Establish and maintain communications with the 25 OWS and Fort Irwin/Bicycle Lake Army Airfield (BLAAF) forecaster via DCO or best available option once established in the box.

- (r) Take, record, and disseminate <u>manual</u> observations under the RTU's respective KQ identifier in order to provide eyes forward presence for the 25 OWS and BLAAF forecaster.
- (r) In the event of an OWS/Bicycle Lake Army Airfield outage, the rotational Brigade or Division BWT will issue the MOAF and Watches, Warnings and Advisories (WWAs) for NTC IAW AFMAN 15-129v1 (see Attachment 5 &6).
- (s) Provide Situational Reports (SITREPs) daily to 12 CTS/DOC while deployed in the NTC Range (see Attachment 9).
- (s) Provide written feedback comments and/or After Action Review (AAR) comments (as applicable) to the 12 CTS/DOC NTL 14 days following the end of the rotation.
- 6. Responsibilities of the 25th Operational Weather Squadron (25 OWS)
 - (a) Provide a 24-hour Military Operations Area Forecast (MOAF) three times a day during Training Days (TDs) 1-14 (amended as necessary). The MOAF is the controlling forecast and will include a synoptic discussion, forecast for clouds, visibility/present weather, surface/flight winds, hazards, and temperatures (see Attachment 5).
 - (b) Issue Watches, Warnings and Advisories (WWAs) via the Joint Environmental Toolkit (JET) system for the NTC AO, Goldstone Airstrip and Barstow-Daggett Airport as outlined in Attachment 6.
 - (c) Conduct a meteorological conference (METCON) with the rotational units and the BLAAF forecaster prior to MOAF and WWA issuance via DCO and/or telephone/email.

7. Responsibilities of the BLAAF Forecasters

- (a) Designated "Pseudo-Division SWO" unless a Division BWT deploys with their supported Army unit, in which case the BLAAF Forecaster will be designated the Joint METOC Officer (JMO) for NTC.
- (b) Provide local area or DD 175-1 pilot briefs to NTC Flight Detachment (Eagle Team) and 2916th Aviation Battalion pilots and flight crews.
- (c) Provide observed WWAs as necessary for Bicycle Lake Army Airfield (see Attachment 6).
- (d) Issue 5-day weather planning outlook once a day (see Attachment 7).
- (e) Issue NTC Mission Weather Product (MWP) three times daily using the Mission Execution Forecast Process (MEFP) (see Attachment 8).
- (f) Provide staff weather support to NTC leadership in the form of: commanders' updates, planning weather, and operational weather updates.

- (g) Relays current and forecast weather data to include WWAs to Warrior Tactical Operations Center (TOC) via phone or Fort Irwin Range Communications System (RCS).
- (h) Conduct a METCON with the rotational units and the 25 OWS prior to MOAF and WWA issuance via DCO and/or telephone.
- (i) Directly support NTC Operations Group (52nd ID), 11 Armored Cavalry Regiment (ACR)/OPFOR, and 916th Support Brigade as their Staff Weather Office (SWO) to manage operations.
- 8. Responsibilities of the NTC Observer-Coach/Trainers (OC/Ts)
 - (a) Provide RTUs with required NTC informational and planning material NLT 90 days prior to the start of the rotation.
 - (b) Provide guidance regarding NTC weather support and observe horizontal consistency and quality of MWPs produced by the RTU.
 - (c) Provide Exercise Rules of Engagement (EXROE) and NTC orientation briefings during Reception, Staging, Onward-Movement, and Integration (RSOI) week.
 - (d) Ensure all safety concerns during the rotation are addressed and intervene as necessary.
 - (e) Observe weather teams under deployed conditions and offer recommended sustains and improvements to the RTU.
 - (f) Coach, train, and mentor weather teams as required.
 - (g) Operate as a liaison between the Battlefield Weather RTUs, 25 OWS, 12 CTS, NTC Army OC/Ts, and supported Army customers as required.
 - (h) Provide informal and formal AARs. Two formal AARs will be conducted during the rotation on TD-7 and TD-14. A formal written AAR will be sent to the RTU BW leadership and OL-G, HQ ACC/A3W (FORSCOM) NLT 30 days following the end of the rotation (see Attachment 10).
- 9. Communication: It is imperative and the responsibility of the rotational weather teams to coordinate communication requirements with the Army prior to deployment. Teams should be aware that they will be operating in a contested, non-permissive (austere) environment, meaning communication outages and attacks from opposition forces may be frequent. At a minimum, weather teams require Non-secure Internet Protocol Routing Network (NIPRNET), Secure Internet Protocol Routing Network (SIPRNET), DSN phone, and working radio equipment that can reach up to 30 miles beyond line of sight. It is highly recommended that BWT's try to acquire Iridium or Satellite communications in order to mitigate potential communication outages while at NTC.

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10 Attachments

- 1. NTC Deployment Timeline
- 2. NTC Pre-deployment Survey
- 3. NTC Roll Out Card & MTOE Examples
- 4. NTC Suggested Equipment/Packing List
- 5. NTC MOAF Example
- 6. NTC Watch, Warning Advisories (WWAs)
- 7. NTC 5-Day Forecast Example
- 8. NTC MWP Example
- 9. NTC SITREP Example
- 10. NTC Final AAR Example

NTC DEPLOYMENT TIMELINE

(Timeline based on 14-day training rotation, estimated dates for specific rotations and/or events may vary from rotation to rotation)

D-90

- Battlefield Weather Squadron/Detachment notifies BWT of NTC rotation dates
- BWT receives NTC LOI and planning documents

D-75

• BWT coordinates Weather Support MOA with supported Army unit(s)

D-60

BW Squadron/Detachment leadership notifies 12 CTS/DOC of RTU BWT personnel

D-30

- BWT completes and emails the NTC Pre-Deployment Survey to 12 CTS/DOC
- BWT secures a DCO account and AFW-WEBS username/password
- BWT requests KQ identifier from AFWA

D-14

 BWT/BW Squadron/Detachment completes and emails the NTC Roll Out Card to 12 CTS/DOC

D-2

• BWT deploys to NTC/Ft Irwin and arrive at Rotational Unit Bivouac Area (RUBA)

D-0 (**RSOI 1**)

- Begins four days of academics/pre-deployment training/preparation for BWT
- BWT acquire MILES gear for personnel/vehicles (as applicable)

D+4 (**RSOI 5**)

BWT deploys from RUBA to NTC Range

D+5 (TD 1)

• Begins Situational Training Exercise (STX) week

D+12 (TD 7)

Mid-rotation AAR

D+13 (TD 8)

• Begins Force-on-Force week

D+19 (TD 14)

ENDEX and Final AAR

D+20 (BRD 01)

- Begins Battlefield Recovery Day (BRD) week
- Final Army NTC AAR and Hero of the Rotation Award Ceremony

D+21-24

• BWT redeploys back to home station

D+33

• RTU Feedback/AAR completed and emailed to 12 CTS/DOC

D+49

• Final RTU AAR completed by 12 CTS/DOC and disseminated to RTU Leadership, Battlefield Weather Squadron Leadership, and OL-G, HQ ACC/A3W (FORSCOM)

NTC PRE-DEPLOYMENT SURVEY

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PRE-DEPLOYMENT
INFORMATION SURVEY

INFORMATION SURVEY
NTC Rotation
UNIT: HOME STATION: OFFICE DSN: OPS CHIEF/ DSN:
MISSION: SUPPORT (ARMY UNIT) DURING NTC IN (DIV/BCT/SFAB/AVN) OPERATIONS
WHEN WERE YOU NOTIFIED OF YOUR DEPLOYMENT TO NTC FOR THIS ROTATION?:
HOW MANY PRE-NTC MEETINGS DID YOU ATTEND?:
STATE YOUR CC's TRAINING OBJECTIVES FOR THIS NTC ROTATION: 1. 2. 3.
PERSONNEL RANK/NAMES & LAST DEPLOYMENT: 1. NCOIC/OIC: 2. FORECASTER: 3. FORECASTER:
TOTAL ARMY (BW) EXPERIENCE: 1. NCOIC/OIC: 2. FORECASTER: 3. FORECASTER:
EQUIPMENT (Y/N) & HOW MANY: TMQ-53: KESTREL: NIPR LAPTOP (USAF or Army): SIPR LAPTOP (USAF or Army): M4 & M9: SATPHONE: GPS (i.e., DAGR): LASER RANGEFINDER: PRINTER: GAS MASK: CHEM GEAR:
HAVE ALL PHYSICAL ISSUES/SPECIAL NEEDS OF EACH ROTATIONAL PLAYER BEEN REVIEWED BY YOUR COMMAND AS ANNOTATED IN NTC LOI PARAGRAPH 4? CC/1SG INITIALS

DO YOU HAVE A SAR WITH THE $\underline{^{25^{TH}}$ OWS? (IF SO, PLEASE DESCRIBE THE SUPPORT THE 25^{TH} WILL PROVIDE)

DO YOU HAVE A SIGNED MOA OR OPORD/FRAGO WITH THE SUPPORTED AR MY UNIT?
ARE YOU TRAVELING ON DTS OR ARMY GROUP ORDERS?
DO YOU HAVE A DCO ACCOUNT?
WHO IS YOUR S-2 POC?:
WHO IS YOUR S-3 POC?:
WHO IS YOUR S-6 POC?:

Send this form and a copy of your KQ ID(s), MTOE, MOA, and/or OPORD/FRAGO ANNEXES to the $\underline{12^{th}\ CTS\ Weather\ Org\ Box}$

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NTC ROLL OUT CARD & MTOE Examples

		AIR FORCE BATTLEFIEL	D WEATHER TEAM ROLLOUT
ROTATION:	15-XX		4. CDR's UNIT ASSESSMENT
UNIT(S):			4.1 UNIT METL
		1. PERSONNEL	AFT 3.1.1.1.4 Perform Weather Service
Authorized:			AFT 3.1.1.1.5 Perform Navigation and Positioning Functions
Assigned:			AFT 3.1.4 Plan Information Operations Functions
Assign/Auth:			AFT 5.4.1 Perform AEF Functions
		1.1 KEY PERSONNEL	AFT 5.4.4 Plan AEF Functions
POSITION	RNK	Name (Last & First)	AFT 6.3.1.4 Prepare for Reachback Support
BCT SWO NCOIC		(======	AFT 6.5.1 Employ the Force
BCT SWO			AFT 6.6.1 Sustain the Force
BCT SWO			AFT 6.7.1 Recover the Force
AVN SWO NCOIC			4.2 TEAM STRENGTHS
			BCT:
AVN SWO			BC1.
AVN SWO			
		1.2 PERSONNEL NOTES:	AVN:
BCT:			
AVN:			4.3 TEAM WEAKNESSES
			BCT:
		2. EQUIPMENT:	
	2.1 M	ISSION COMMAND (REQ/ISSUED)	
TMQ-53 (TMOS)		Binoculars	
Laser Range Finder	1	VOIP Phone	AVN:
Kestrel		SVOIP Phone	
Irridium Phone		TACSAT	
SIPR PC		UPS	
NIPR PC		SWO Kit	
DAGR		DCSG-A System	5. NTC TRAINING OBJECTIVES
Radio: SINGCARS		AN/PYQ-10	1
Radio: AN/PSC-5		Other	2
BGAN			3
Antenna			4
	2.2 MOV	EMENT & MANEUVER (REQ/ISSUED)	5
Weapon: M4		Cargo/Troop Carrier (HMMWV)	6
Weapon: M9		Light Tactical Trailer	7
Weapon Sights		Towbar Motor Vehicle	8
Generator Set		Power Supply (PP-6224/U)	9
	2.3	PROTECTION (REQ/ISSUED)	10
Body Armor		Joint Chemical Agent Detector	11
Eye Protection		Radiation Detection Set	12
Ear Protection		IFAK	13
JLIST (Chem)			14
Gas Mask			15
		2.4 EQUIPMENT NOTES:	6. CDR'S DESIRED C/T FOCUS
Army comm equip	/systems		Army Integration:
	-		
BCT:			BCT:
AVN:			AVN:

BCT MTOE

STAFF	VEATHER OFFI	ICE										
P		E		REQ	AUTH	PARENT	PARENT		R	R	М	s
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	⁵¹² A35329	Р	WORKSTATION PORTABLE MULTIFUNCTION: AN/TYQ-93(V)		1	1	1	1				
	⁵¹² A79381	Α	ANTENNA GROUP: 0E-254()/GRC		1	1	1	1				
	512 <u>B49004</u>	Α	BAYONET MULTIPURPOSE SYSTEM: XM9		4	4	4	4				
	512 B67766	Α	BINOCULAR: MODULAR CONSTRUCTION MIL SCALE RETICLE 7X50MM W/E		1	1	1	1				
	⁵¹² <u>C05002</u>	Α	COMPUTER SYS DIGITAL: AN/PYQ-10(C)		1	1	1	1				
	⁵¹² J00697	Α	JOINT CHMCL AGENT: DETECTOR		1	1	1	1				
	⁵¹² M12986	Α	MASK CHEMICL BIOLOGICL JOINT SERVICE GENERAL PURPOSE; FIELD M50		4	4	4	4				
	⁵¹² N05482	Α	NIGHT VISION: GOGGLE		2	2	2	2				
	⁵¹² N96248	Α	NAVIGATION SET: SATELLITE SIGNALS AN/PSN-13		1	1	1	1				
	512 R20684	Α	RADIAC SET: AN/VDR-2		1	1	1	1				
	⁵¹² R31061	Α	RADIAC SET: AN/UDR-13		1	1	1	1				
	⁵¹² R68044	Α	RADIO SET: AN/VRC-90F(C)		1	1	1	1				
	⁵¹² R97234	Α	RIFLE 5 56 MILLIMETER: M4		4	4	4	4				
	⁵¹² S60288	A	SIGHT: REFLEX COLLIMATOR		4	4	4	4				
	⁵¹² T61494	Α	TRUCK UTILITY: CARGO/TROOP CARRIER 1-1/4 TON 4X4 W/E (HMMWV)		1	1	1	1				
	⁵¹² <u>T95992</u>	Α	LIGHT TACTICAL TRAILER: 3/4 TON		1	1	1	1				

AVN MTOE (Derived from CAB MTOE)

TACHN	ITEL/ISR/SVO E	L										
P		E		REQ	AUTH	PARENT	PARENT		R	R	М	S
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	339 A35329	Α	WORKSTATION PORTABLE MULTIFUNCTION: AN/TYQ-93(V)		1	1	1	1				
	339 A79381	A	ANTENNA GROUP: 0E-254()/GRC		1	1	1	1				
	339 <u>B49004</u>	Α	BAYONET MULTIPURPOSE SYSTEM: XM9		3	3	3	3				
	339 <u>B67766</u>	A	BINOCULAR: MODULAR CONSTRUCTION MIL SCALE RETICLE 7X50MM WE		2	2	2	2				
	339 <u>C05002</u>	Α	COMPUTER SYS DIGITAL: AN/PYQ-10(C)		1	1	1	1				
	³³⁹ <u>J00697</u>	Α	JOINT CHMCL AGENT: DETECTOR		1	1	1	1				
	339 M12986	Α	MASK CHEMICL BIOLOGICL JOINT SERVICE GENERAL PURPOSE: FIELD M50		3	3	3	3				
	339 N05482	Α	NIGHT VISION: GOGGLE		2	2	2	2				
	339 N96248	Α	NAVIGATION SET: SATELLITE SIGNALS AN/PSN-13		1	1	1	1				
	339 R20684	Α	RADIAC SET: AN/VDR-2		1	1	1	1				
	339 R31061	Α	RADIAC SET: AN/UDR-13		1	1	1	1				
	339 R68044	Α	RADIO SET: AN/VRC-90F(C)		1	1	1	1				
	339 R97234	Α	RIFLE 5 56 MILLIMETER: M4		3	3	3	3				
	339 S60288	Α	SIGHT: REFLEX COLLIMATOR		3	3	3	3				
	³³⁹ T61494	Α	TRUCK UTILITY: CARGO/TROOP CARRIER 1-1/4 TON 4X4 W/E (HMMWV)		1	1	1	1	599			
	³³⁹ <u>T95992</u>	A	LIGHT TACTICAL TRAILER: 3/4 TON		1	1	1	1				

NTC SUGGESTED EQUIPMENT/PACKING LIST

(this is just a suggested list and is not inclusive for every type of NTC rotation)

- Copies of current Joint, Air Force, and local guidance on METOC operations (ex. AFMAN 15-111, SOPs, etc.) (Note: if using electronic copies, they should be downloaded and saved to your computer(s) or CD)
- References of Unit Tactical Standard Operating Procedures (TSOPs)
- NIPRNET Laptop(s)
- SIPRNET Laptop(s) (DCGS-A)
- Radio(s) (HF/UHF/VHF)
- Satellite Phone(s)
- TMQ-53(s)
- Kestral(s) (larger amount needed for FALOP program)
- SWO Kit(s) (to include USB Mice, clipboard(s), CDs, paper/printer, power strip(s), CAC reader(s), extension cords, etc.)
- Log book(s)
- Gas Masks and CHEM gear (Decisive Action Rotations especially!!)
- Kevlar Helmets
- Body Armor
- Weapons: M4s/M9s and associated equipment (with muzzle adapters if not provided by the Army)
- Reflective Belt(s)
- Eye Protection
- Ear Protection
- Camelback(s) and/or water container(s) (Gas Mask adaptors or canteens for chemical attacks)
- IFAK(s)
- Flashlight with red cover for night operations
- Sleeping bag, cot or mat, and pillow
- Toiletries (Hand sanitizer, baby wipes, toilet paper, sunscreen, etc.)
- ABUs or OCP Uniform Items
- PT Uniform Items
- Shower shoes
- Cold Weather Gear (if necessary)
- Poncho(s)
- Tent(s)
- HMMVW(s)/Trailer(s)

NTC MOAF EXAMPLE

FOUS05 KAOS 222200

NATIONAL TRAINING CENTER MILITARY OPERATING AREA FORECAST

VALID: 22/2200Z TO 23/2200Z

RANGE SURFACE ELEVATION: 2500 FT MSL

ALL HEIGHTS HUNDREDS OF FEET MSL (UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED)

TS/CB IMPLY MODERATE OR GREATER TURBULENCE/ICING

CEILING EQUAL TO BASE OF LOWEST BKN OR OVC CLOUD LAYER

SYNOPTIC DISCUSSION: WITH A STRONG BAND OF WINDS ASSOCIATED WITH THE PFJ MOVING OVER THE LOCATION FROM THE NORTH AND AN INVERSION BREAK WILL CAUSE HIGHER SPEEDS AND GUSTY WINDS AT THE SFC AROUND 12Z. THE HIGH STILL SITUATED OVER THE AREA KEEPING THE LOWER LEVELS DRY BUT ALLOWING FOR SOME UPPER LEVEL CLOUDS TO MOVE INTO THE AREA.

CLOUDS: BKN280/300 AFT 02Z: SCT280/300

SFC VIS/WX: 7SM/NONE

SFC WNDS: 28011KT AFT 02Z: 26008KT AFT 12Z: 35015G25KT AFT 21Z: 32012G18KT

FLIGHT LEVEL HAZARDS:

MIN FZ LVL: 096 TSTMS: NONE TURB: NONE ICING: NONE

KBYS

MIN ALSTG: 30.09INS

MAX PA: +2197

MAX/MIN TEMP: 17C/04C MAX RH/TIME: 36%/15Z

HEAT INDEX: N/A WIND CHILL: 02C

NTC RANGE

MIN ALSTG: 30.09INS MAX PA: SEE NOTE

MAX/MIN TEMP: 17C/04C

MAX RH/TIME: 36%/15Z

HEAT INDEX: N/A WIND CHILL: 02C

CALL DUTY FORECASTER WITH LOCATION AND ELEVATION FOR MAX PA ON NTC RANGE

LOW LEVEL WINDS/TEMPS: (AGL)

200FT: 04010KT/07C 500FT: 04010KT/07C 700FT: 05010KT/07C 1,000FT: 05010KT/07C 1,500FT: 05010KT/07C 2,000FT: 05015KT/07C 3,000FT: 06015KT/06C 5,000FT: 10015KT/03C 7,000FT: 13010KT/01C

FLIGHT LEVEL WINDS/TEMPS: (MSL)

100: 15010KT/00C 140: 24010KT/M08C 180: 25015KT/M15C 240: 26030KT/M27C 300: 25055KT/M39C

REMARKS: NONE

POC: 250WS/WXAS DSN 228-7650

FORECASTER: SNUFFY

QA: BOSS

NTC WEATHER WATCHES, WARNINGS AND ADVISORIES (WWAs)

Reference AFMAN 15-129v1, NTC & Fort Irwin Regulation 115-10

All WWAs are issued by the Weather Flight, 12th Combat Training Squadron (12 CTS/DOC) and/or RTU BWT, and/or 25 OWS as described below and disseminated to all supported units IAW AFMAN 15-129V1 and local requirements. WWAs will contain an assigned number, valid time, title, and text explaining the criteria. Each WWA is issued for a clearly defined area(s) stated within the text.

Responsibilities

12 CTS/DOC: The 12 CTS/DOC will issue all observed weather advisories and warnings for the four NTC WWA area(s), Goldstone Airstrip (GAS), Bicycle Lake Army Airfield (BLAAF/KBYS). and Barstow-Daggett Airfield (KDAG) during duty hours (see Image 1 below).

25 OWS: The 25 OWS will issue observed weather advisories and warnings for the NTC WWA area(s), GAS, BLAAF. and KDAG when the 12 CTS/DOC is closed or otherwise loses the capability to issue observed WWAs. The 25 OWS will also issue all forecast advisories, watches and warnings for the NTC WWA area(s), GAS and KDAG.

RTU BWT: Rotational units will only issue observed weather advisories and warnings for the NTC WWA area(s) when the 12 CTS/DOC loses the capability to issue observed WWAs. Upon issuing, they will notify the 25 OWS of the observed weather. Major units, separate commands, and staff agencies will develop plans to rapidly disseminate issuance and cancellation of WWAs via the command and staff intercom, radio, and/or telephone. Plans will also detail appropriate protective measures. Rotational units are encouraged to be a part of this process.

Dissemination

The Joint Environmental Toolkit (JET) may not be available and/or serve as a practical means of dissemination to the BWT RTU in the field. Thus, the primary method of dissemination of WWAs to the BWT RTU from the 25 OWS will be DCO. The alternate method will be via phone or email.

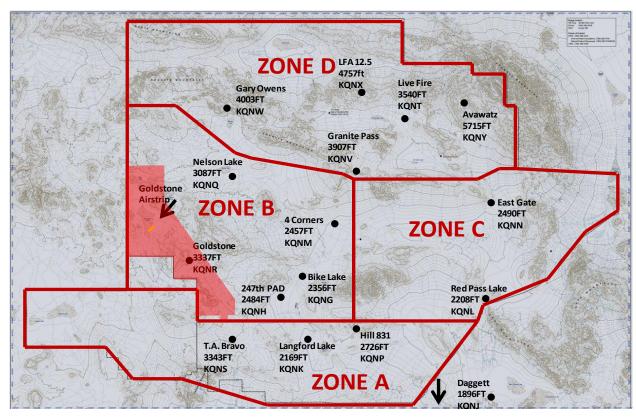


Image 1. NTC WWA Zone Map

Weather Watches

A Weather Watch is defined as a message providing notice of the *potential* for conditions that pose a hazard to life or property.

The 25 OWS issues forecast weather watches for the NTC as a whole when the potential for the criteria defined below (Table 1).

Table 1. Weat	her Watch Criteria and Minimum Desired Lead	l-Times for NTC WW	A Zones
Watch Type	Criteria	Desired Lead Time	Issued By
Tornado	Potential for Tornado or Funnel Cloud	60 minutes	25 OWS
Damaging Winds	Potential for Surface winds ≥ 45 kts	180 minutes	25 OWS
Moderate	Potential for Moderate Thunderstorm (Hail \geq	180 minutes	25 OWS
Thunderstorm	$1/4$ in but $< 1/2$ in and/or Winds ≥ 30 kts but $<$		
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Severe	Potential for Severe Thunderstorm (Hail $\geq 1/2$	180 minutes	25 OWS
Thunderstorm	in and/or Winds \geq 45 kts and/or Flash Flooding)		
Duststorm	Potential for Duststorm	180 minutes	25 OWS
Freezing	Potential for Freezing Precipitation	120 minutes	25 OWS
Precipitation			
Heavy Snow	Potential for Heavy Snow ≥ 2 in w/in 12 hrs	180 Minutes	25 OWS
Heavy Rain	Potential for Heavy Rain $\geq 1/2$ in w/in 6 hrs	180 Minutes	25 OWS

Weather Warnings

A Weather Warning is defined as a message providing notice of *imminent or occurring* conditions that pose a hazard to life or property for which protective action must be taken.

The 25 OWS will issue a weather warning for the NTC WWA Zones when the criteria defined below occurs, or is expected to occur (Table 2). The 25 OWS will issue and cancel observed warnings when 12 CTS/DOC and/or RTU BWT is closed or unable to issue/cancel the warning(s).

RTUs will issue warnings for forecast phenomena when imminent weather conditions pose a hazard to life and property, and time of onset does not allow CU collaboration.

Table 2. Weath GAS, and BLA	er Warning Criteria and Minimum Desired Lo AF	ead-Times for NTC W	WWA Zones,
Warning Type	Criteria	Desired Lead Time	Issued By
Tornado	Tornado/Funnel Cloud expected	30 Minutes	25 OWS
Damaging Winds	Damaging Winds \geq 45 kts expected	90 Minutes	25 OWS
Moderate Thunderstorm	Moderate Thunderstorm (Hail $\geq 1/4$ in but < 1/2 in and/or Winds ≥ 30 kts but < 45 kts and/or Flash Flooding) expected	90 Minutes	25 OWS
Severe Thunderstorm	Severe Thunderstorm (Hail ≥ 1/2 in and/or Winds ≥ 45 kts and/or Flash Flooding) expected	90 Minutes	25 OWS
Lightning	Observed Lightning w/in 5 NM of BLAAF	Observed	WF
Lightning	Observed Lightning w/in 5 NM of GAS	Observed	WF
Duststorm	Duststorm expected	90 minutes	25 OWS
Freezing Precipitation	Freezing Precipitation (any intensity) expected	60 Minutes	25 OWS
Heavy Snow	Heavy Snow ≥ 2 in w/in 12 hrs expected	90 Minutes	25 OWS
Heavy Rain	Heavy Rain $\geq 1/2$ in w/in 12 hrs expected	90 Minutes	25 OWS
Turbulence	CAT I Turbulence below 10,000 ft MSL \geq Moderate occasional Severe	90 Minutes	25 OWS
Turbulence	CAT II Turbulence below 10,000 ft MSL > Moderate occasional Severe	90 Minutes	25 OWS

Weather Advisories

Weather Advisories are special notices provided when the specific weather conditions listed in below are *occurring or are expected to occur* within the NTC WWA Zones.

Weather Advisories will be issued and/or canceled by the 25 OWS.

In the event the capability to sense the phenomena does not exist, the 25 OWS will issue weather advisories when the potential for any of the criteria is apparent (i.e. nearby observations, satellite, etc.)

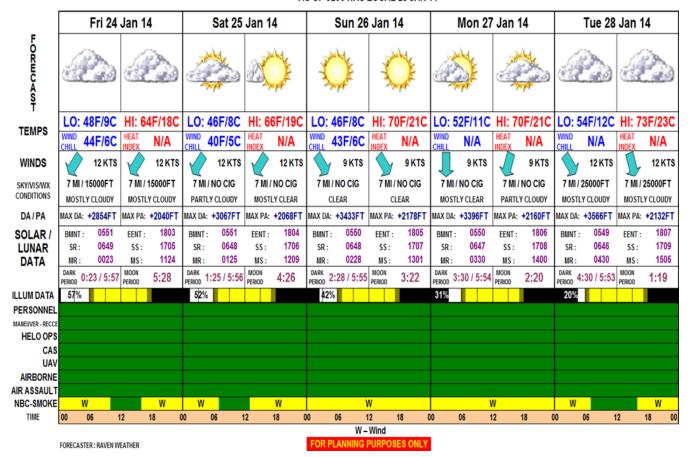
Table 3. Weather Advisory Criteria for NTC WWA Zones and GAS						
Advisory Type	Criteria	Desired Lead Time	Issued By			
Strong Winds	Forecasted Winds ≥ 30 kts but < 45 kts	60 Minutes	25 OWS			
Strong Winds	Forecasted Winds ≥ 25 kts	60 Minutes	25 OWS			
Strong Winds	Observed Crosswinds > 22 knts	Observed	WF			
Lightning	Observed Lightning w/in 25 NM of GAS	Observed	WF			
Icing	Observed Icing ≥ Moderate below 10,000 ft MSL	Observed	WF			
Turbulence	Observed CAT I Turbulence below 10,000 ft MSL ≥ Moderate	Observed	WF			

NTC 5-DAY FORECAST EXAMPLE

FOR PLANNING PURPOSES ONLY

NATIONAL TRAINING CENTER 5-DAY FORECAST

AS OF 0200 HRS LOCAL 23 JAN 14



NTC MWP EXAMPLE

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NTC SITREP Example

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PLAIN LANGUAGE

*Note: A copy of this sample SITREP will be included on CD at the time of team deployment. The DIV/BCT OIC/NCOIC has the authority to change the format, and enhance the content, but not take away content.

NTC Final AAR Example

MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

FROM: 12 CTS/DOC

SUBJECT: Battlefield Weather (BW) Observer-Coach/Trainer (OC/T) After Action Review (AAR) for the National Training Center (NTC) Rotation XX-XX

1. Overview

a. Executive Summary: Describe exercise overview.

b. **Deployed Personnel:** *List units and positions of BWT members.*

TSgt Joe Snuffy (AVN NCOIC)	Det X, Xst WS, Ft. Somewhere
SrA John Doe (AVN)	Det X, Xst WS, Ft. Somewhere
TSgt Steve Somebody (BCT NCOIC)	Xd WS, Ft. Overthere
SSgt Nancy Lastname (BCT)	Xd WS, Ft. Overthere

- c. **Deployed/Fixed Weather Equipment:** List rotational training unit (RTU) weather/comm./tactical equipment below.
- **2.** Training Objectives. List RTU's training objectives below.
 - a. Brigade Training Objectives
 - b. Aviation Task Force Objectives
- **3. Significant Exercise Highlights.** *List significant weather and exercise events that occurred during the NTC rotation.*
- **4.** Lessons Learned, Observations, Issues and Trends. Note any lessons learned, particularly with respect to the weather scenario operation that occurred during the NTC rotation.

a.	Issue:
	Discussion:
	Recommendation:

b. Issue:

Discussion:

Recommendation:

5. Sustains: *List any outstanding actions/TTPs observed by RTUs during the NTC rotation.*

Finding 1:

Finding 2:

- **6. Conclusion.** Summarize previous content of AAR and add final notes concerning BWTs actions during the NTC rotation.
- 7. Contact Information. Provide 12 CTS/DOC contact information.

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XXXX X. XXXX, Rank, USAF
Duty Title, 12 CTS/DOC